

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON
FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 24: SOUTHERN RESIDENT
KILLER WHALE THRESHOLD CLARIFICATIONS - FINAL

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) has reviewed the proposed revision to Section 6.6.8 of the Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan provided in agenda item D.2 Attachment 1, which is intended to clarify the technical process for reviewing updates to the models used to determine the Chinook abundance threshold and reporting on any resulting change in the threshold. The STT appreciates the efforts of the Council and agrees that the proposed edits result in improved clarity. As needed, the STT will be ready to:

1. Report on updates to the Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), and
2. Recalculate the numerical value of the threshold if either the FRAM or Shelton et al. models are updated.

The STT will also continue to provide the annual projected time step 1 Chinook abundance during the preseason process for evaluation against the threshold.

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